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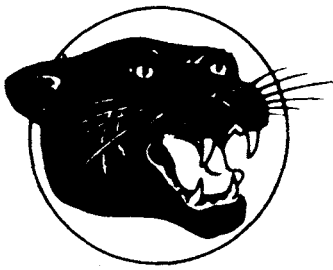
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CHARLESTON, IL (August 21, 1985)--Hickory, Pa. native Janet Marquis has been named the head softball coach at Eastern Illinois University. She replaces fifth-year head coach Deanna D'Abbraccio who resigned to become a full-time basketball assistant for the Lady Panthers. Marquis was D'Abbraccio's graduate assistant last season.

"I'm thrilled to death to be named head coach at Eastern," exclaims Marquis. "I want Eastern to be known as a top-notch program. When people think of Eastern Illinois University, I want them to think about our softball program. My goal is to be ranked in the Top 20 in the next two years. I think we can do it."

Marquis graduated from Indiana State with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. She played softball for the Sycamores and received all-state kudos after the 1981 Indiana State Tournament. The knowledgeable pitcher held school records for most strikeouts in a regular season game and most consecutive strikeout innings. A year ago she was most helpful in the development of Eastern hurlers Zam Mogill and Shelly Eddington.

"We are very pleased to have someone like Janet on our staff," states EIU Associate Athletic Director Joan Schmidt. "She did an excellent job for us as a graduate assistant and I'm sure through her efforts we will be able to maintain a quality Division One program."

"It will be a real advantage for us to have one person to devote all her time to softball. Talking to Janet you know she is enthusiastic about softball . . . and particularly about our program here at Eastern."